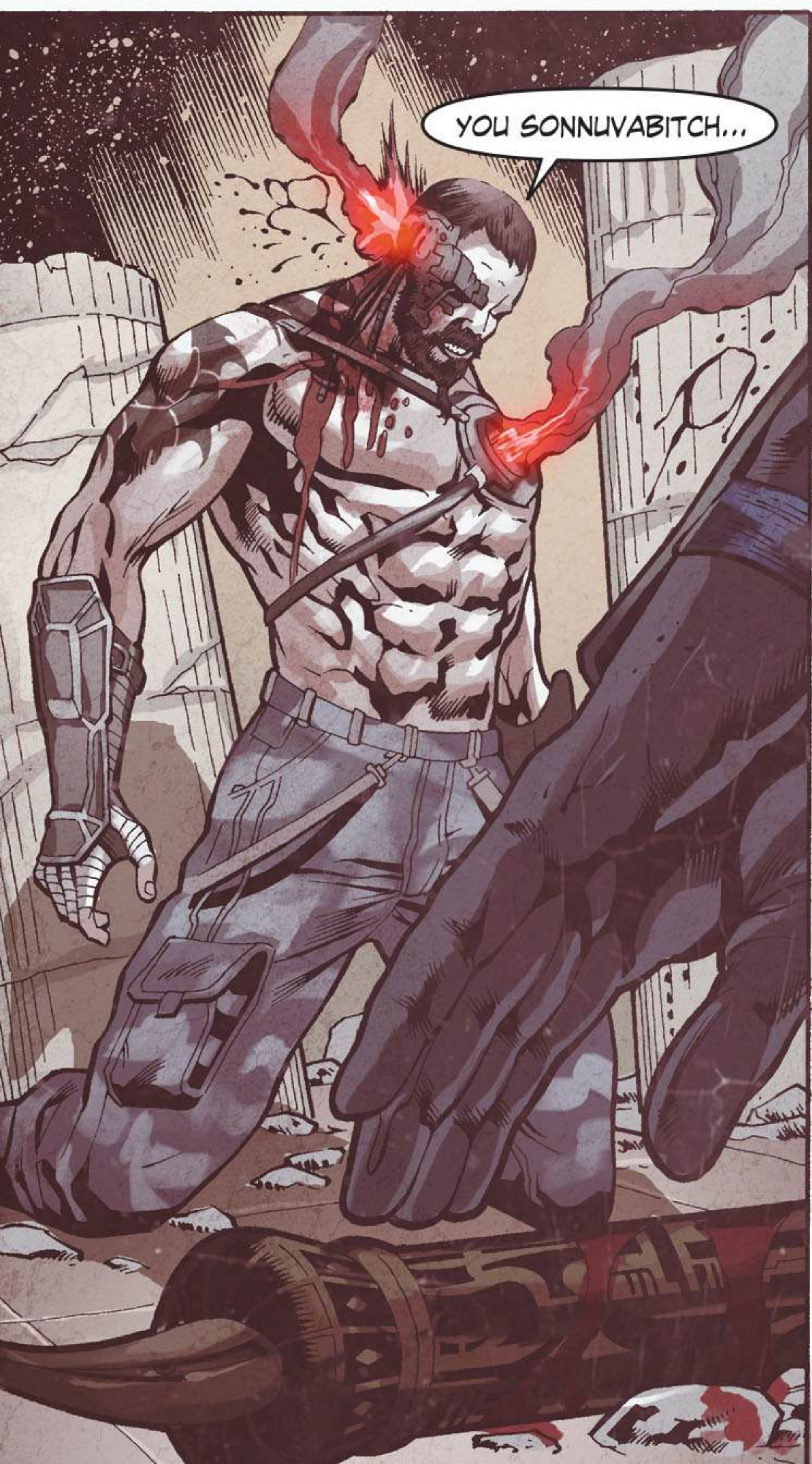
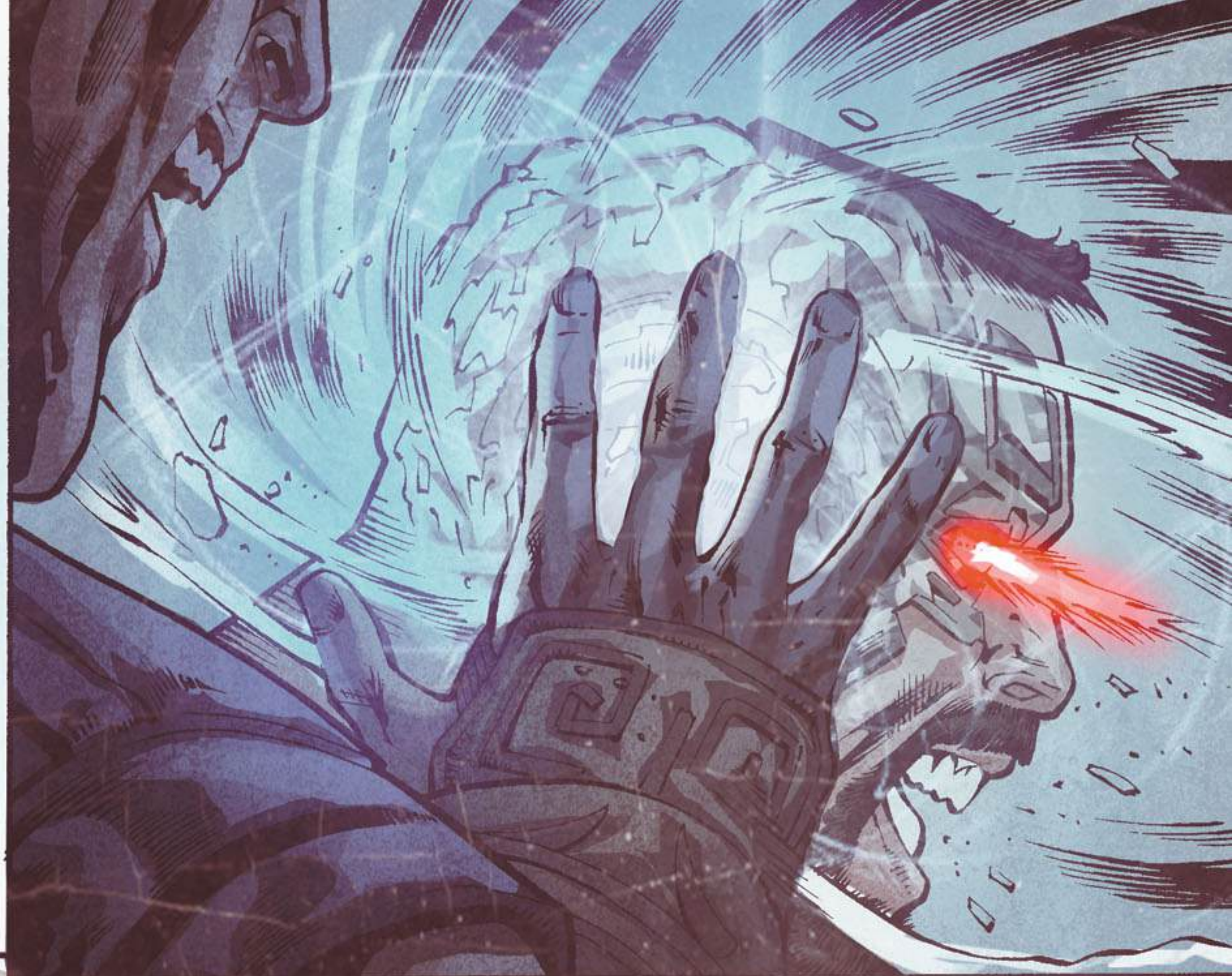
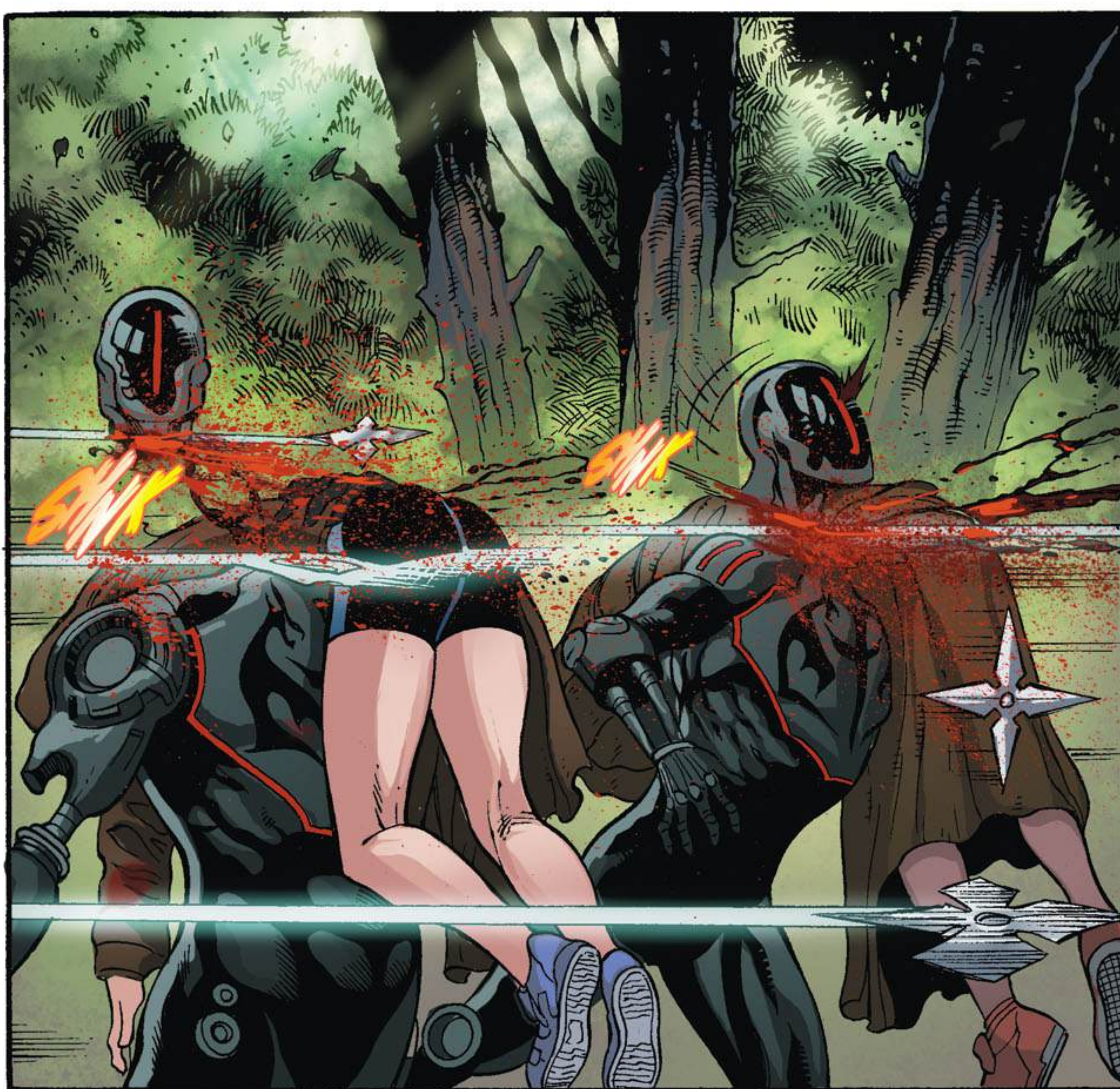






EARTHREALM.

I'M NOT EVEN
TIRED. WE SHOULD
HAVE PUSHED ON TO
THE *SKY TEMPLE*
TONIGHT.

SEE THAT
STORM?

DON'T WANT
TO BE *STRUCK*
BY *LIGHTNING*,
DO YOU?

THOSE
CLOUDS ARE
GETTING TOO
CLOSE AS
IT IS--

YOU
SHOULD
NOT HAVE
COME!!



NEAR THE SKY TEMPLE.

NOW.

YOU
SHOULD
NOT HAVE
COME!!

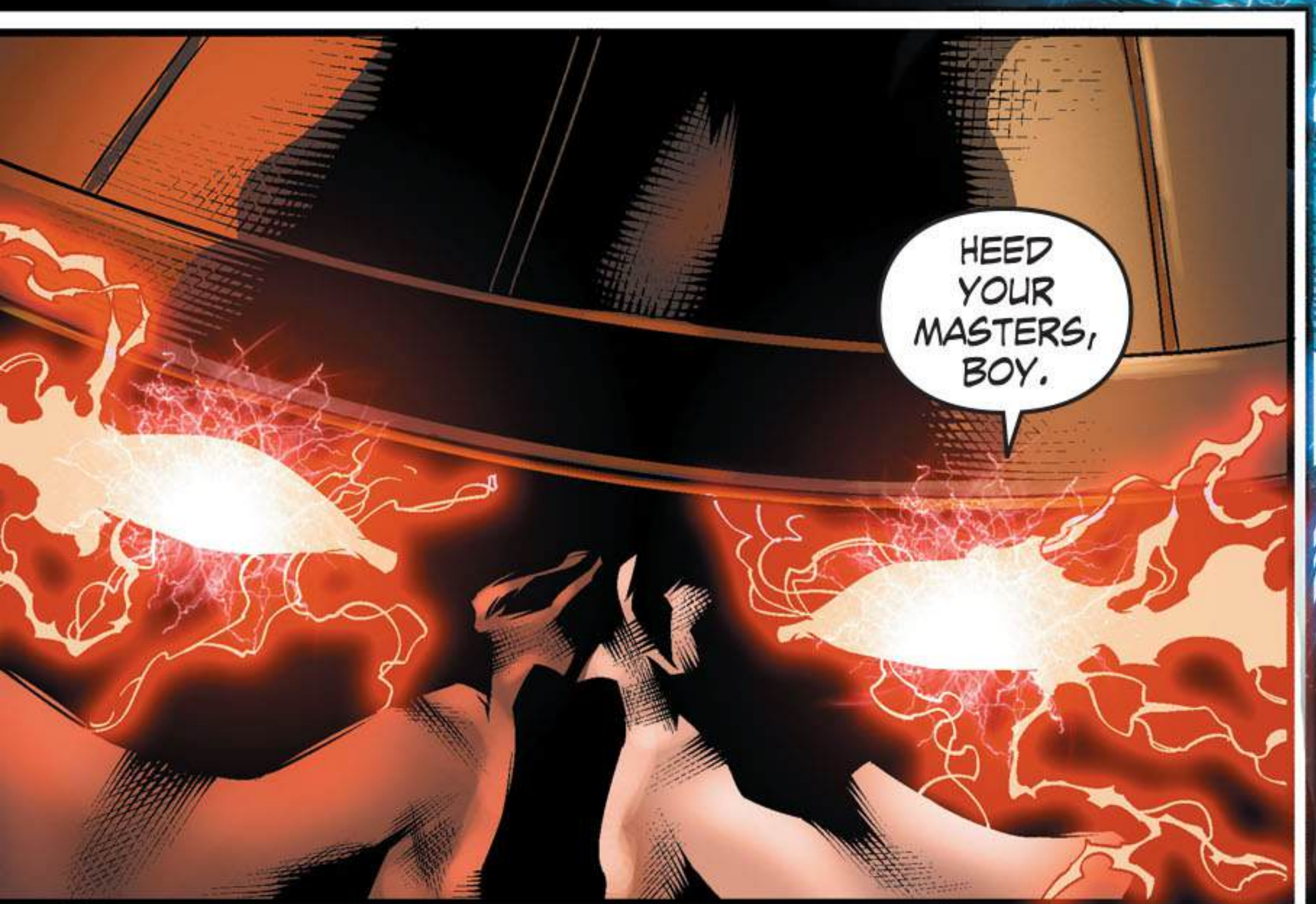
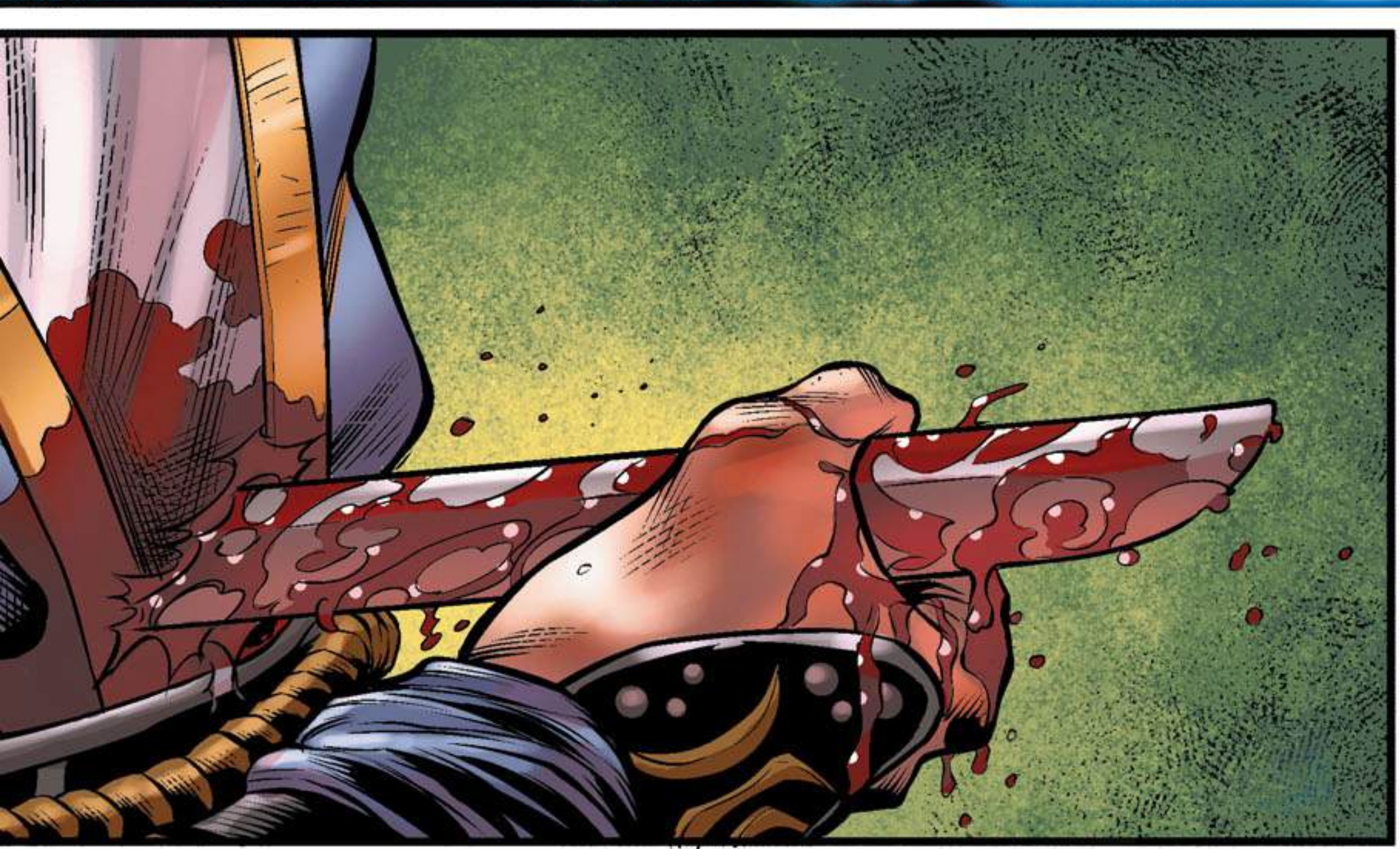
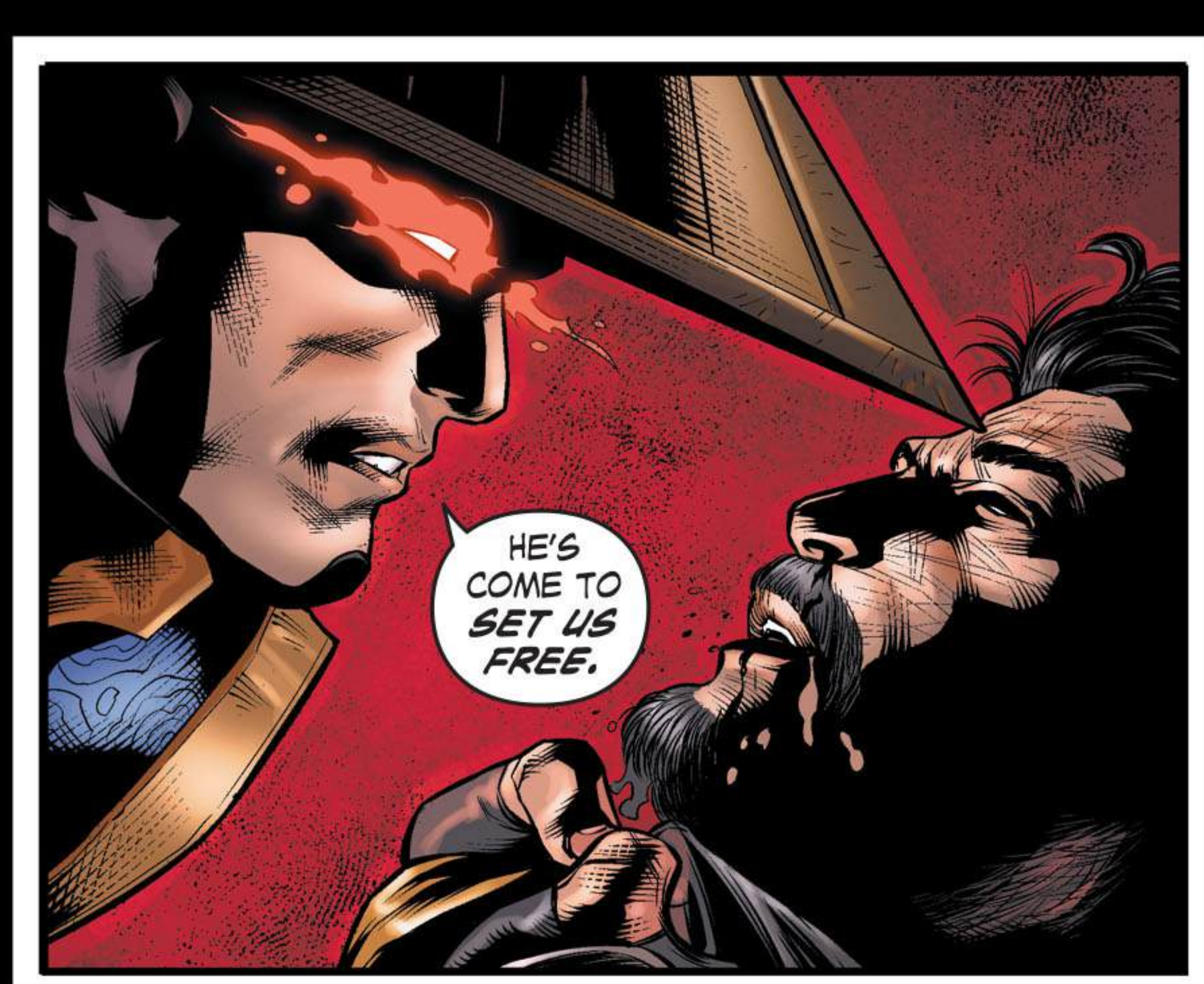
THIS
ISN'T YOU,
RAIDEN...

THE KAMIDOGU OPENED
MY EYES TO THE BLOOD
CODE, HANZO. ITS
SECRETS...

...IT'S
THESE DAMN
DAGGERS!

...AND ITS
POWER!

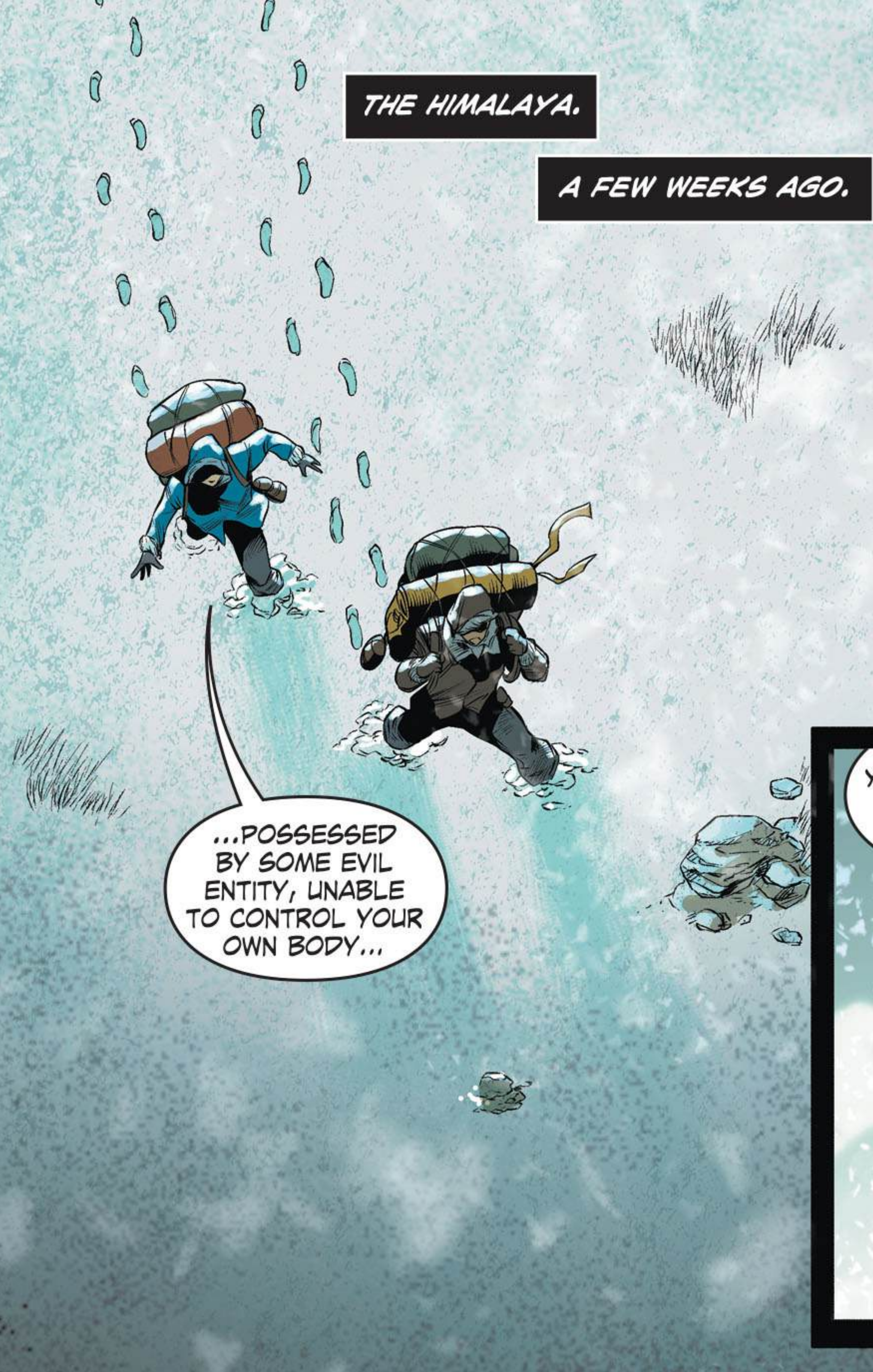
RAAAH!!



"I DON'T WANT TO DIE LIKE THAT..."

THE HIMALAYA.

A FEW WEEKS AGO.



...POSSESSED BY SOME EVIL ENTITY, UNABLE TO CONTROL YOUR OWN BODY...



...BUT I GUESS YOU KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE.

HRM.



YOU PULLED OFF SOME MOVES I'VE NEVER SEEN IN THAT FIGHT WITH FOX. ALL THAT HELLFIRE.

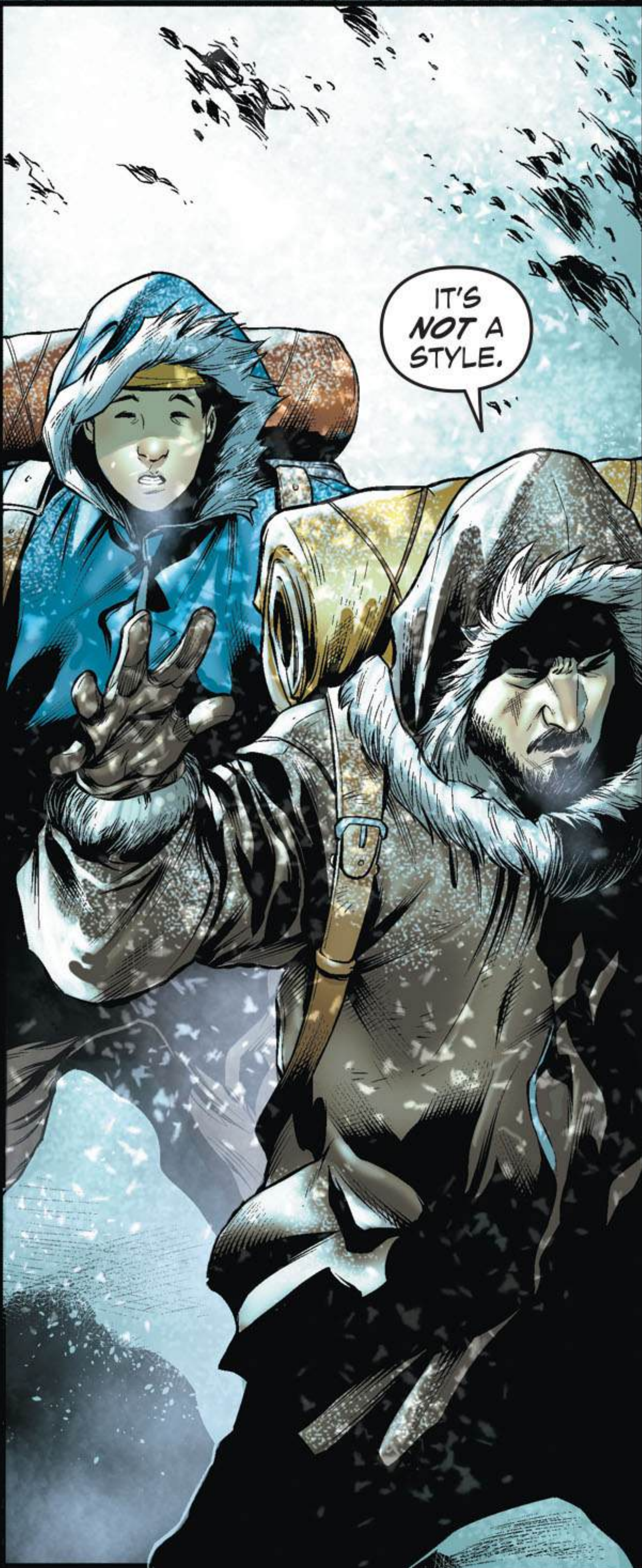
HM.



WONDER WHAT I COULD DO WITH THAT KIND OF POWER. WHY DON'T YOU TEACH ME?

TEACH YOU WHAT?

YOUR HELLFIRE STYLE.



IT'S NOT A STYLE.



IT'S MY CURSE...

A LIFETIME AGO.

"...A BURDEN I'VE
CARRIED SINCE THE DAY
EVERYTHING CHANGED.

"THE LAST SECONDS OF MY
LIFE PASSED LIKE *HOURS*.

"THE MASSACRE OF MY
CLAN WAS AN OUTRAGE.

"BUT IT WAS NOTHING
COMPARED TO WHAT
MY EYES HELD IN
THOSE FINAL MOMENTS...

"MY BEAUTIFUL
FAMILY...*FROZEN*.

"AS THE VILLAGE BLAZED AROUND
US, I PRAYED THAT ICE WOULD
THAW. I PRAYED NOT TO THE GODS,
BUT TO THE *FIRE ITSELF*...

"FOR KANA, MY
LOVING WIFE.

"FOR JUBEI, MY
INNOCENT CHILD.



"I DIED.

"BUT MY SOUL
KEPT PRAYING
FOR FIRE..."

"...UNTIL
SOMEONE
ANSWERED."

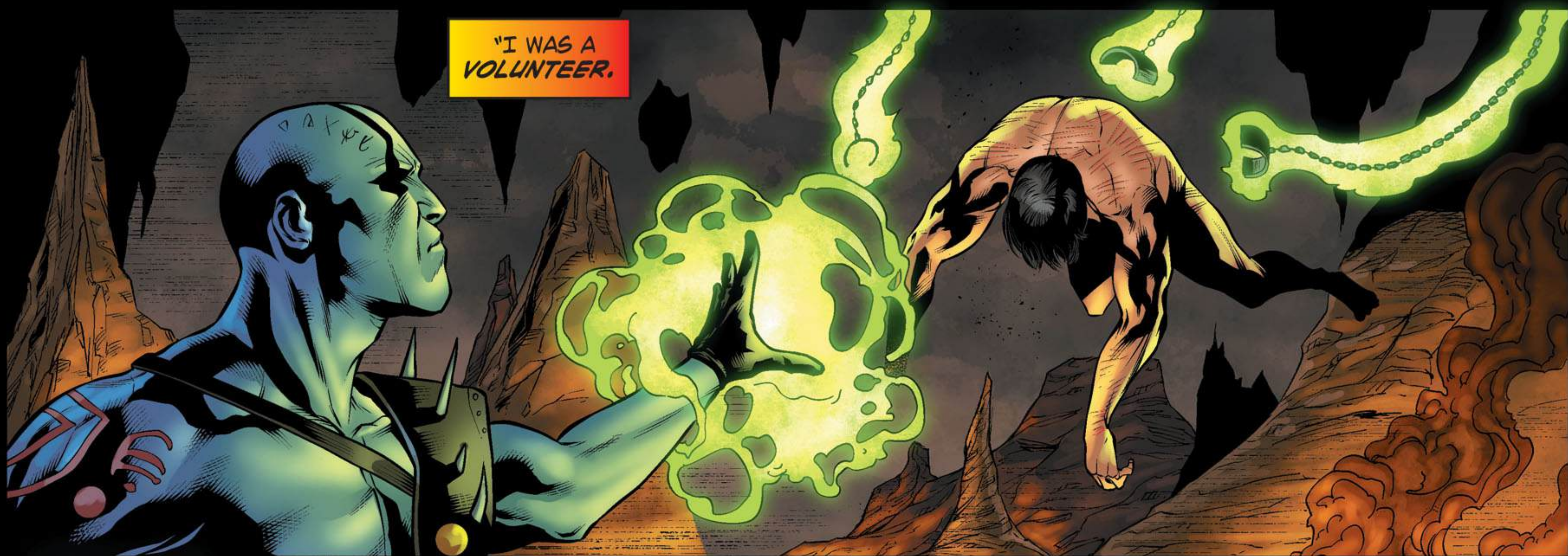
THERE
YOU ARE.

THE NETHERREALM.

HANZO HASASHI,
YOU ARE HERE TO *SUFFER*,
YET MY TORTURERS REPORT
THAT FIRE DOES NOT BURN
YOU. WHY?

MY--MY
FAMILY...

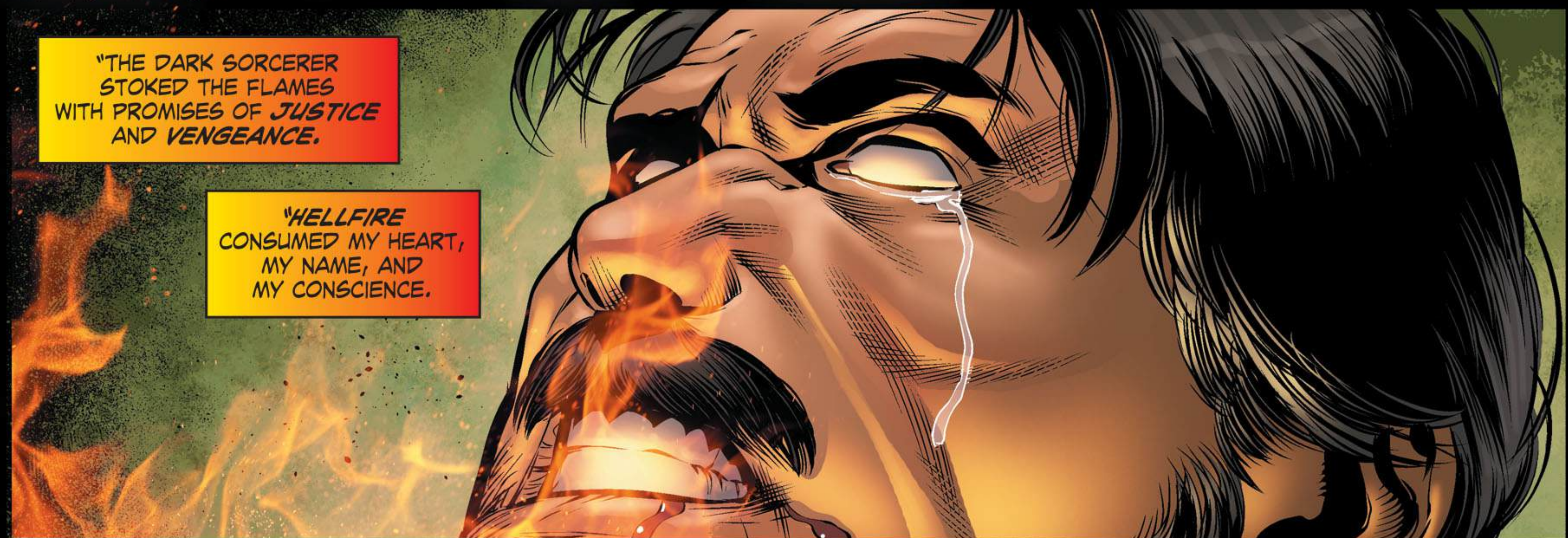
"QUAN CHI NEVER
CONTROLLED
ME. I WAS NEVER
HIS REVENANT.



"I WAS A
VOLUNTEER."

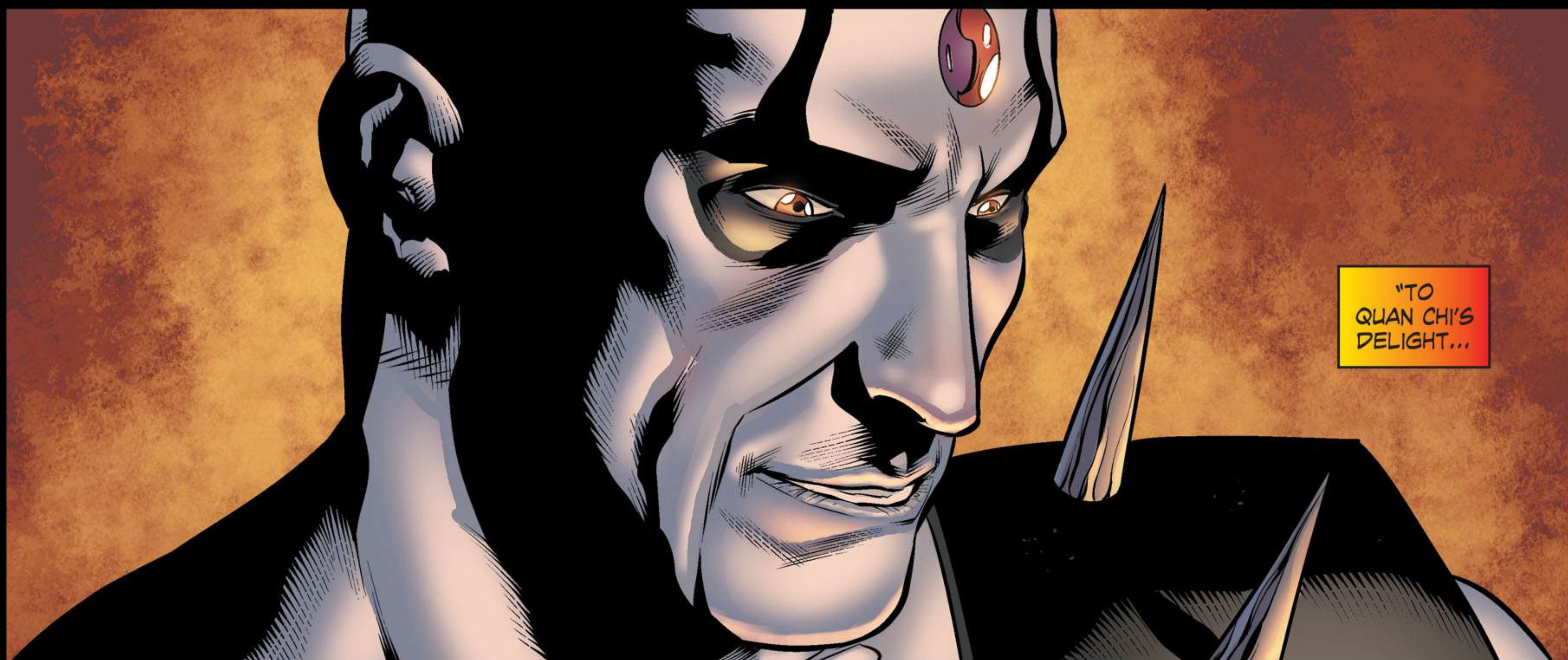


"MY LOSS
HAD BECOME A
FIRE WITHIN."

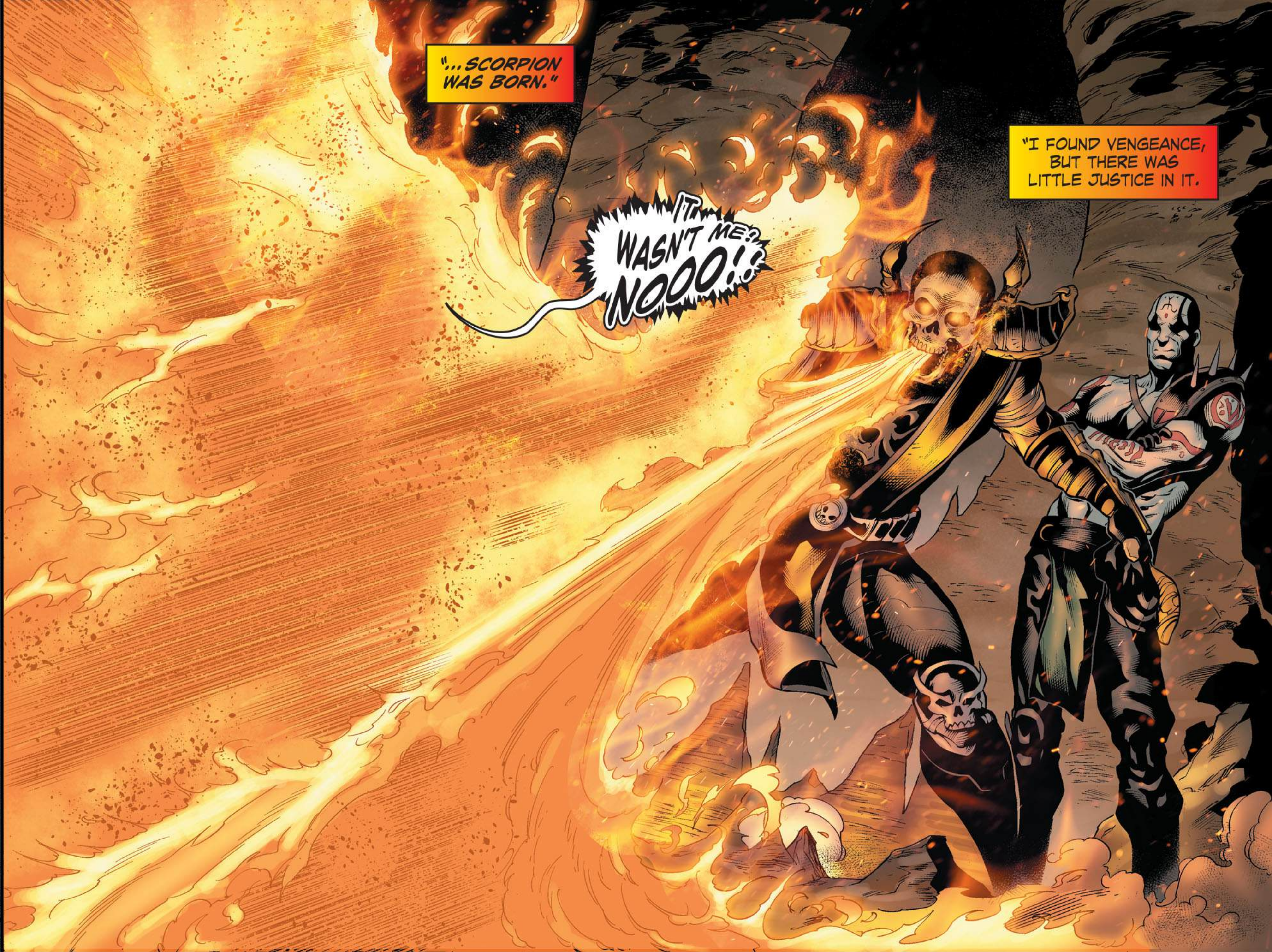


"THE DARK SORCERER
STOKED THE FLAMES
WITH PROMISES OF *JUSTICE*
AND *VENGEANCE*."

"HELLFIRE
CONSUMED MY HEART,
MY NAME, AND
MY CONSCIENCE."



"TO
QUAN CHI'S
DELIGHT..."



"... SCORPION WAS BORN."

IT WASN'T ME? NOOO!!

"I FOUND VENGEANCE, BUT THERE WAS LITTLE JUSTICE IN IT."



"THE FIRE REMAINED, NO MATTER HOW MANY BATTLES I FOUGHT."



"I KEPT FIGHTING..."



"...EVEN AFTER MY LIFE WAS RESTORED."



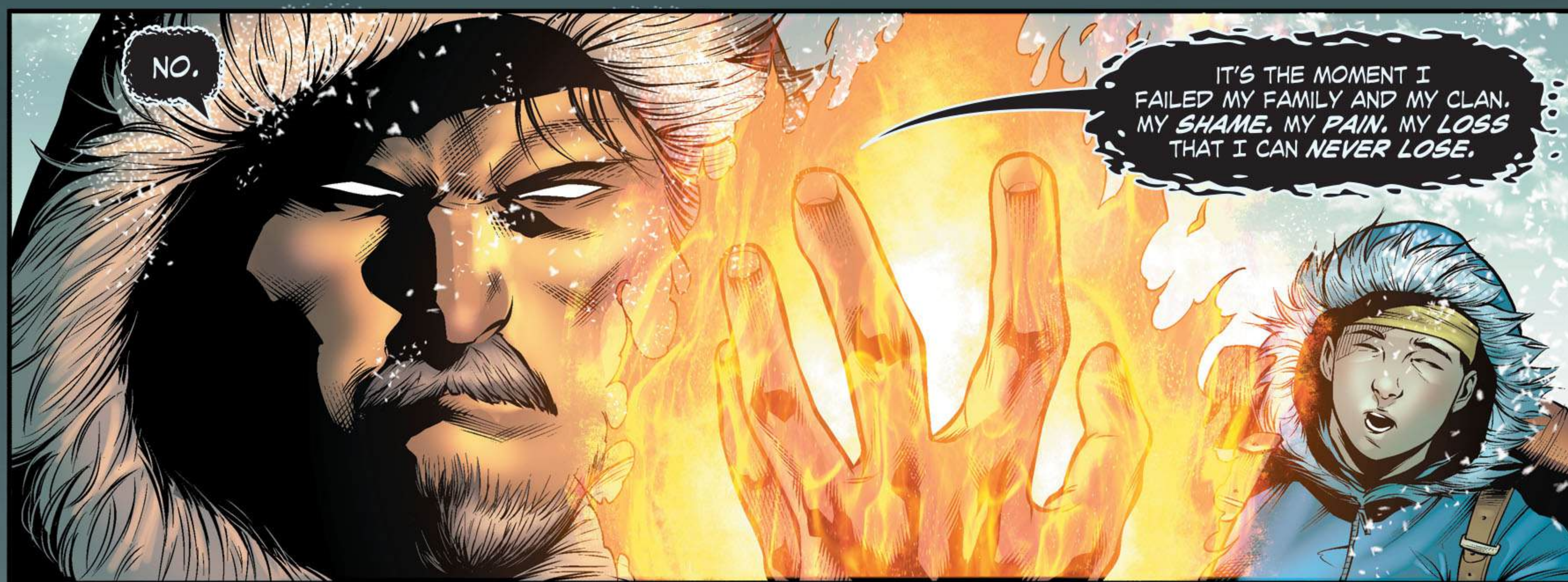
I DIDN'T
DESERVE A SECOND
CHANCE. AFTER ALL THE
MURDERS I COMMITTED
WILLFULLY...SUICIDE
SOUNDED JUST.



H.M. UNTIL
A WISE MAN
SAW MY HELLFIRE
FOR WHAT IT
WAS...



RAGE?



NO.

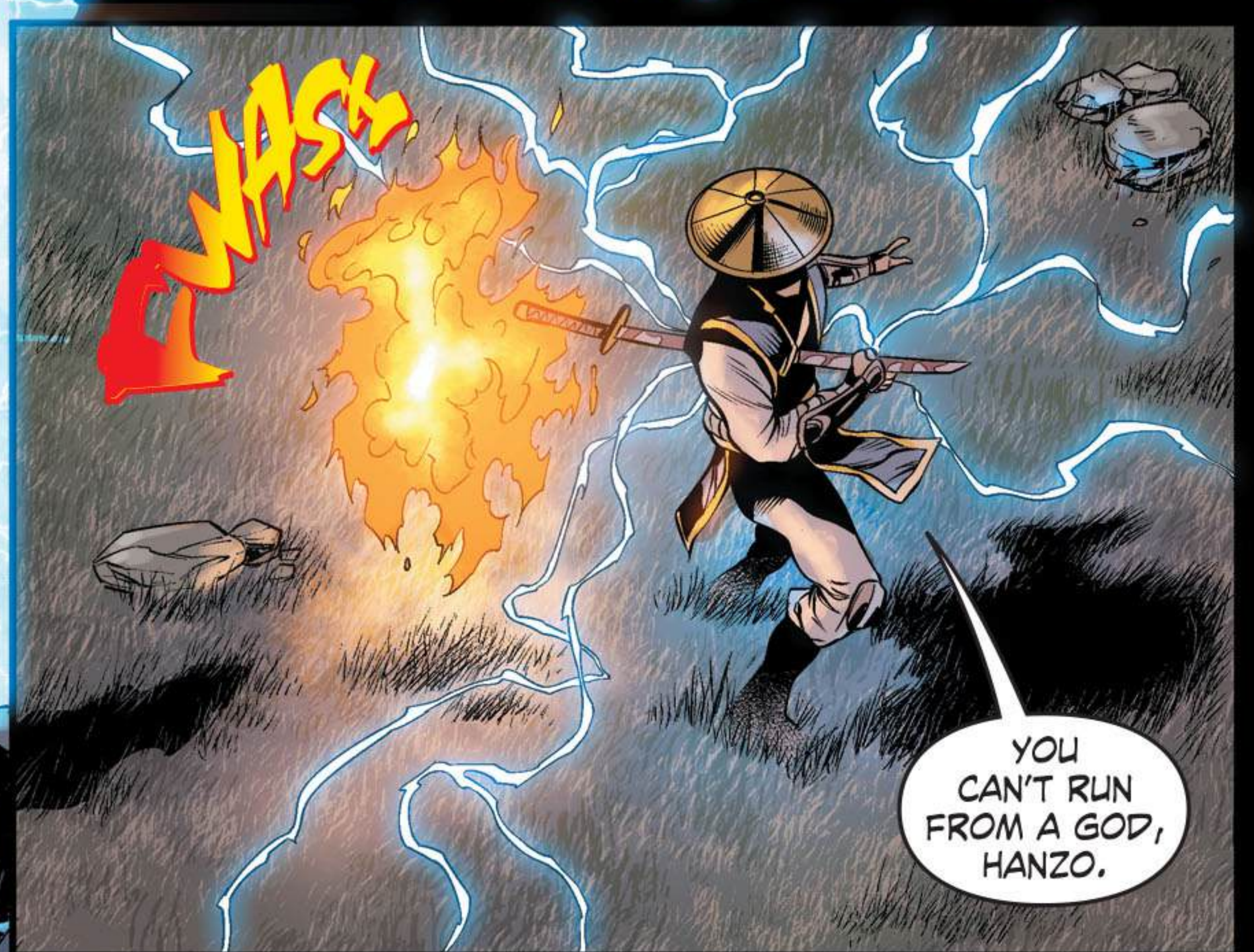
IT'S THE MOMENT I
FAILED MY FAMILY AND MY CLAN.
MY *SHAME*. MY *PAIN*. MY *LOSS*
THAT I CAN *NEVER LOSE*.

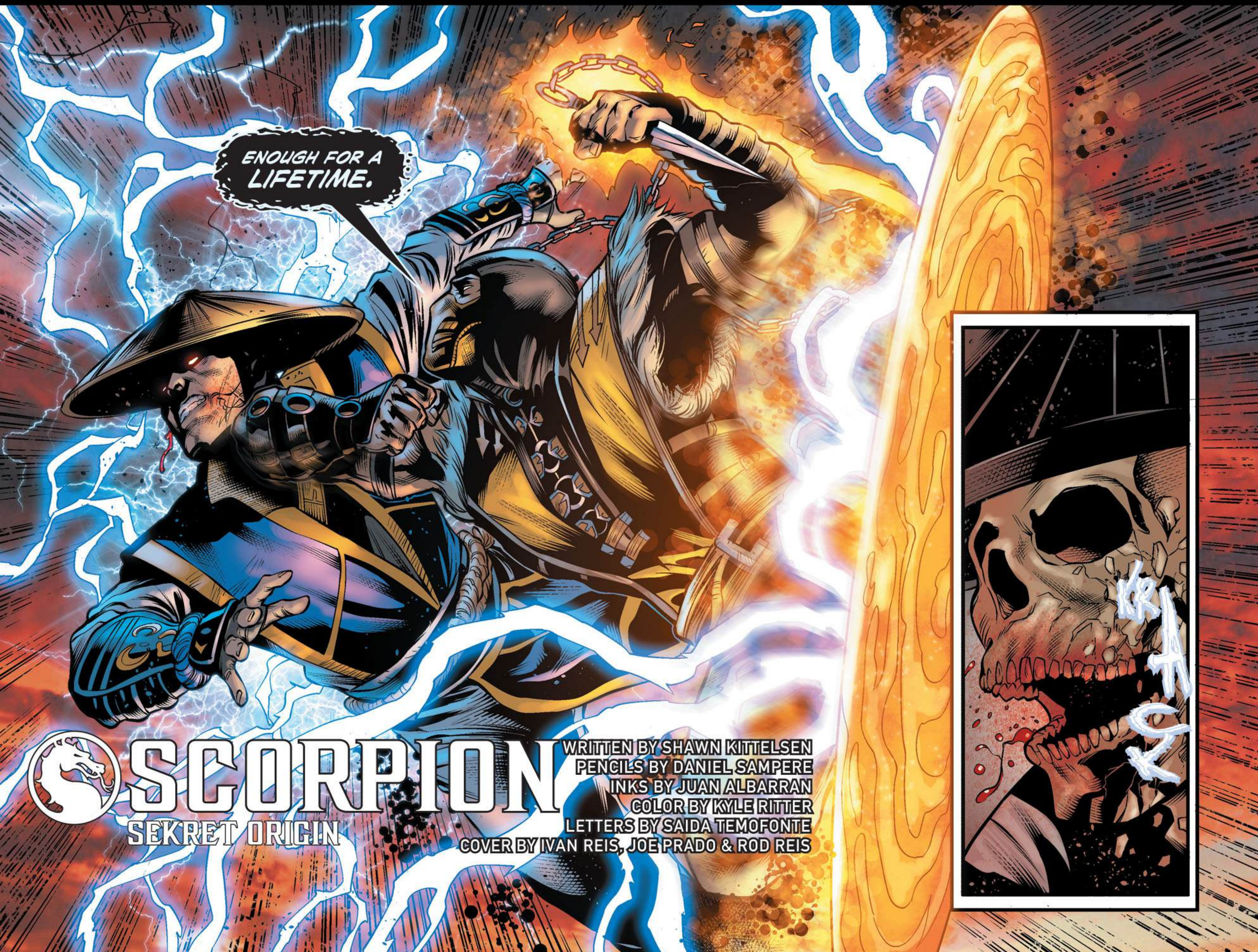


TO WIELD
HELLFIRE, I HAVE TO
RELIVE THAT MOMENT.
BURN HOT FOR TOO LONG,
AND I RISK DESTROYING
MYSELF ALL OVER
AGAIN.



EVERY
TIME?





SCORPION

SEKRET ORIGIN

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NEAR THE SKY TEMPLE.

RAIDEN--

--IF
YOU'RE IN
THERE--

--I
HOPE THIS
HURTS.



YOU
GAVE ME THE
DAGGER.

YOU
DESTROYED
THE SECOND
SHIRAI RYU.



BLOOD TIES

KAMIDOGU

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YOU
KILLED
TAKEDA!!

MASTER
HANZO...



"...TAKE HIM TO THE
JINSEI CHAMBER."

JINSEI IS
EARTHREALM'S
LIFE FORCE. IT
WILL HEAL ME,
AND I WILL TRY
TO HEAL THE
BOY.

YOU'LL DO
BETTER THAN
TRY.



WHY
ISN'T HE
WAKING
UP?

HE
ABSORBED
THE SHOCK OF A
LIGHTNING BOLT.
HE SHOULD BE
DEAD.

THE NETHERREALM IS
FIGHTING FOR HIS SOUL. BUT
HE'S FIGHTING BACK.

YOU
TAUGHT HIM
WELL.



HRAH!

YOU
OKAY?

BETTER
THAN THAT...I FEEL
INVINCIBLE!

AN
EFFECT
OF THE
JINSEI.



SO, YOU
TWO *DIDN'T*
KILL EACH
OTHER?

NOT
YET.

MY APOLOGIES
TO BOTH OF YOU. AN
EXPLANATION--



"--IS LONG
OVERDUE."

YEARS AGO.

I
IMPLORE **THE
ELDER GODS!**
NO REALM IS
SAFE...

...UNTIL
THE AMULET
OF SHINNOK IS
DESTROYED.

THE AMULET
CANNOT BE
DESTROYED.

YOU BANISHED
SHINNOK FOR BETRAYING
YOU. HE RETURNED. YOU
BANISHED HIM AGAIN. HELP
ME **END THIS.**

WE SHALL,
BUT DESTROYING
THE AMULET WOULD
RELEASE SHINNOK. THAT
WHICH BINDS HIM ALSO
PROTECTS HIM.



THEN WE
MUST SAFEGUARD IT.
LOCK IT WITHIN A DARK
DIMENSION.

YES. BUT
A LOCK IS
ONLY AS SAFE
AS ITS KEY.

OR IN
THIS CASE,
KEYS.

THE
KAMIDOGU?



EACH KAMIDOGU BLADE
TASTED THE BLOOD OF THE
ONE BEING. ITS ESSENCE
DWELLS WITHIN THEM.

NO
SINGLE BLADE IS
POWERFUL ENOUGH
ALONE--

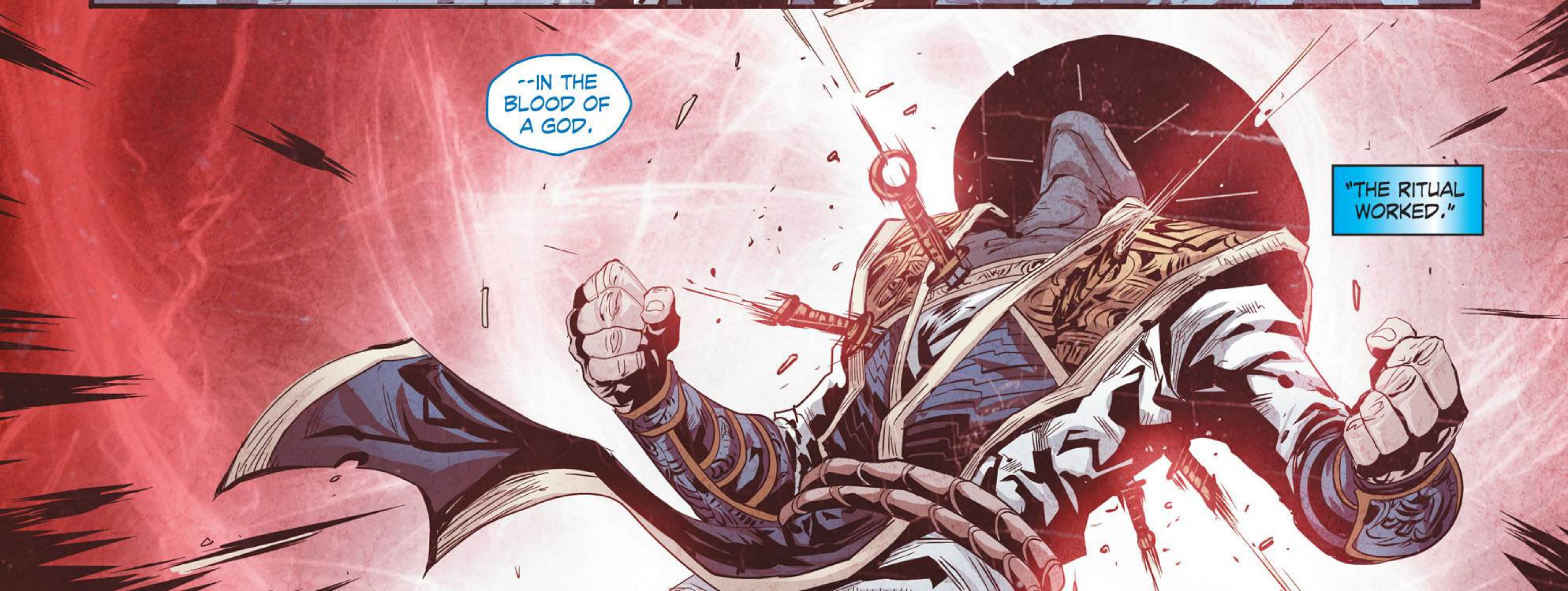


BUT UNITED, THEIR
FORCE WILL CONTAIN
SHINNOK.

YES,
UNITED--

--IN THE
BLOOD OF
A GOD.

"THE RITUAL
WORKED."





BET
THAT
STUNG.



IT WASN'T
SAFE TO KEEP
THE KAMIDOGU IN
ONE LOCATION, SO
I ENTRUSTED EACH
DAGGER TO A
DEADLY
CHAMPION.

LIKE
YOU.



BUT YOU
DIDN'T TELL US THEY WERE
POSSESSED. THAT THEY
TAKE CONTROL OF PEOPLE.
TURN THEM INTO *PSYCHOTIC
MURDERERS*!



IT WAS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST
TO THINK THAT THE DAGGERS
WERE SACRED RELICS--
NOTHING MORE.

YOU
CAN'T BETRAY
IGNORANCE.
BUT...



...I DID
NOT FORESEE A
DEMON CORRUPTING
THE BLOOD
MAGIK.



QUAN
CHI?

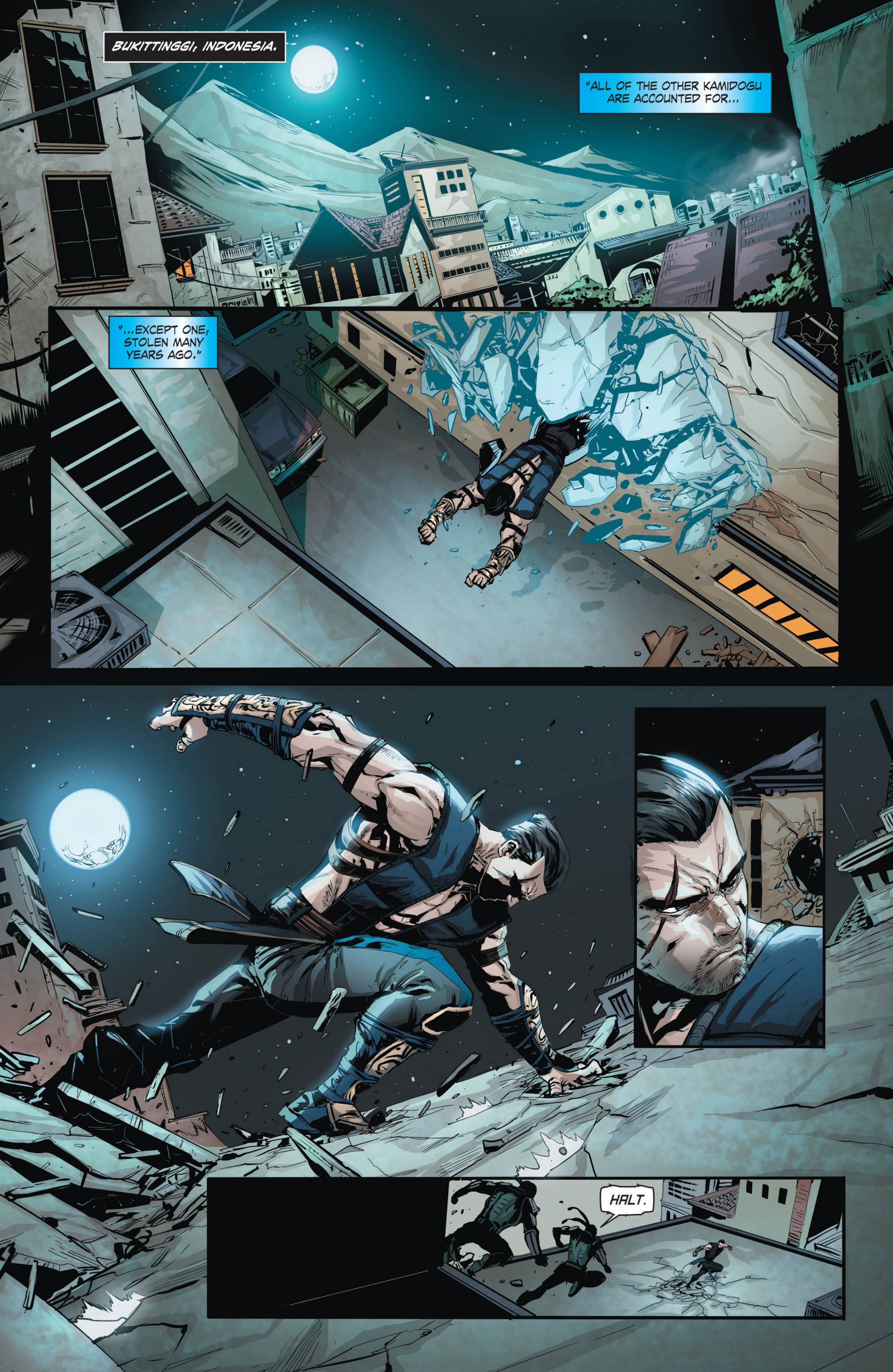
DOUBTFUL.
BUT FUJIN IS
INVESTIGATING THE
NETHERREALM
BORDER, JUST
IN CASE.

WHO ELSE
HAS THESE
DAGGERS?

BUKITTINGGI, INDONESIA.

"ALL OF THE OTHER KAMIDOGU
ARE ACCOUNTED FOR..."

"...EXCEPT ONE,
STOLEN MANY
YEARS AGO."



HALT.



HALT.

DAMMIT!



CONVERSION DELETES WEAKNESS, KUI LIANG. STOP RUNNING. REJOIN THE LIN KUEI.

YOU'RE NOT THE LIN KUEI...

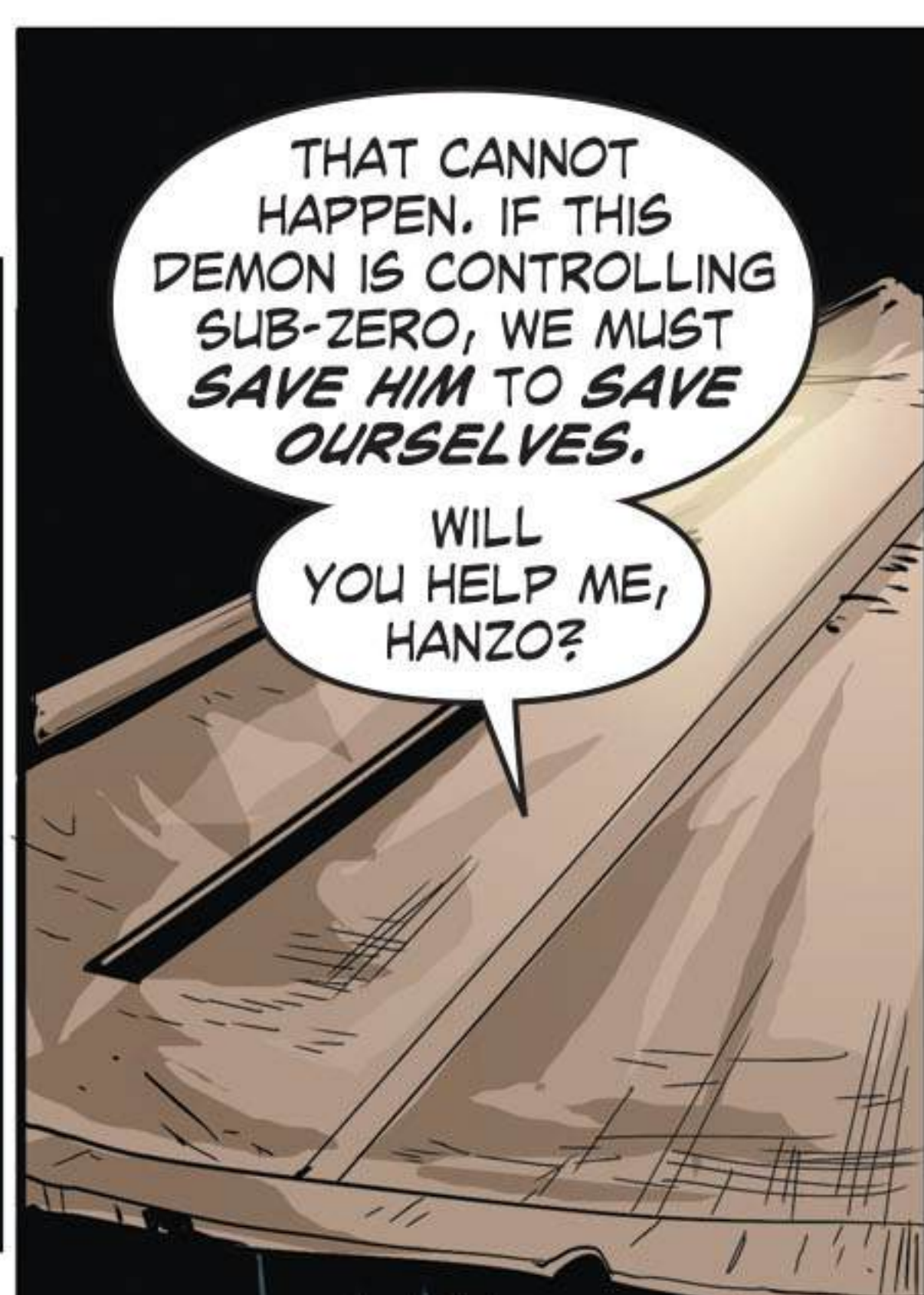


...AND I HAVE NO WEAKNESS.

THE BLOOD CODE IS YOUR STRENGTH!



"I SENT SUB-ZERO TO RECOVER IT..."



OUTWORLD.

GORO'S FAILURE WAS A MINOR SETBACK. IT REVEALED TO US THE TRUE SOURCE OF KOTAL KAHN'S STRENGTH...

BLOOD
MAGIK.

I'VE DONE **EVERYTHING** YOU ASKED, CLERIC. BUT OBTAINING THESE DAGGERS...THEY COULD TAKE **YEARS** TO FIND.

I **ALREADY** KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

THEN HOW MUCH LONGER MUST I SHARE MILEENA'S BED? WHEN WILL THE THRONE BE **MINE**?

WHEN THE DAGGERS ARE UNITED. THEN, REIKO...YOU WON'T NEED MILEENA. YOU WON'T EVEN NEED **ME**.

YOU WILL BE MORE THAN **EMPEROR OF OUTWORLD**.

YOU WILL BE THE **BLOOD GOD**.

OUTWORLD.

THE JUNGLE.





"--HE'S TELLING US WHERE THE GIRLS ARE."



MAVADO.
WE DON'T BARGAIN WITH RED DRAGONS.

WE DON'T BARGAIN, PERIOD. THESE *GIRLS* ARE PROPERTY OF KOTAL KAHN.

WAY I SEE IT, THEY'RE PROPERTY OF *REIKO*.



THESE IDIOTS ARE GONNA KILL EACH OTHER...

WHEN THEY START FIGHTING, WE RUN.

BLIND?!

AT LEAST THEY'LL BE DISTRACTED.



MY CREW OUT-NUMBERS YOURS TWO-TO-ONE, KANO. THOSE AREN'T FAVORABLE NUMBERS FOR YOU.



ONE DOWN.
REST O' YOU TO GO.





OKAY,
WE SHOULD
RUN.



WHICH
WAY?

I DON'T
KNOW!
IT'S **YOUR**
PLAN.



GIRLS,
I CAN GET US
OUT OF HERE,
BUT--



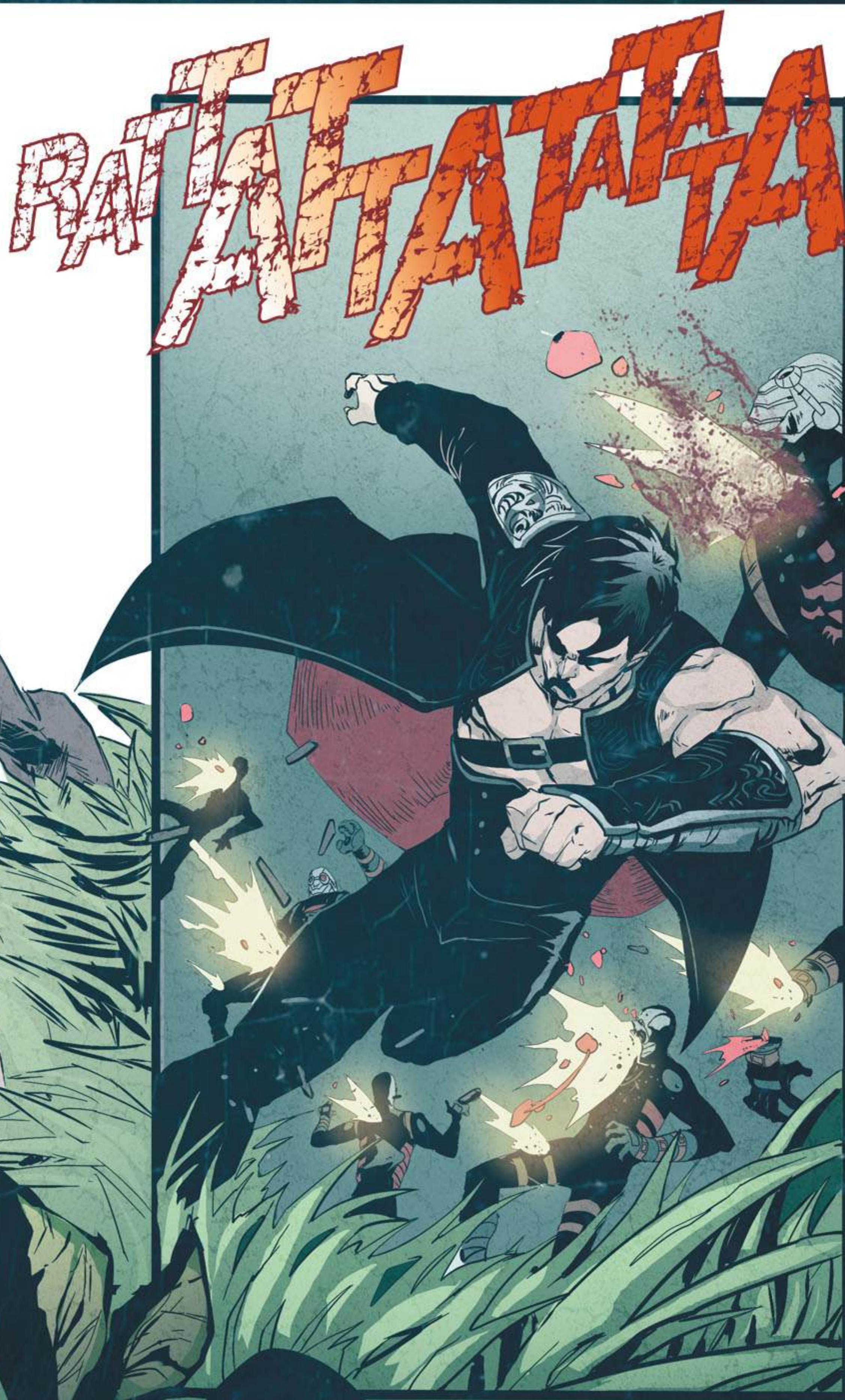
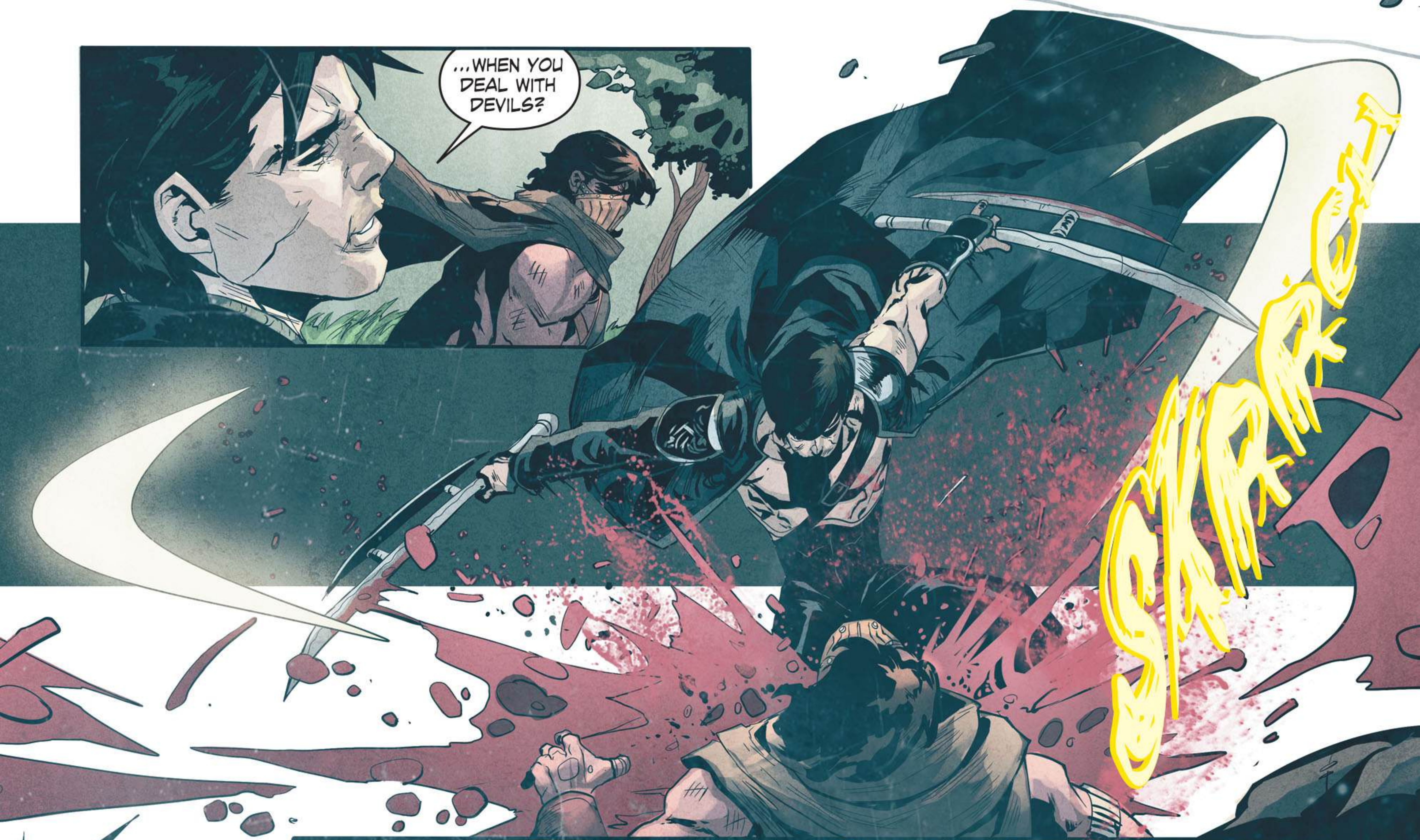
--IF
YOU WANT TO LIVE,
YOU NEED TO **FIGHT**.
UNDERSTAND?

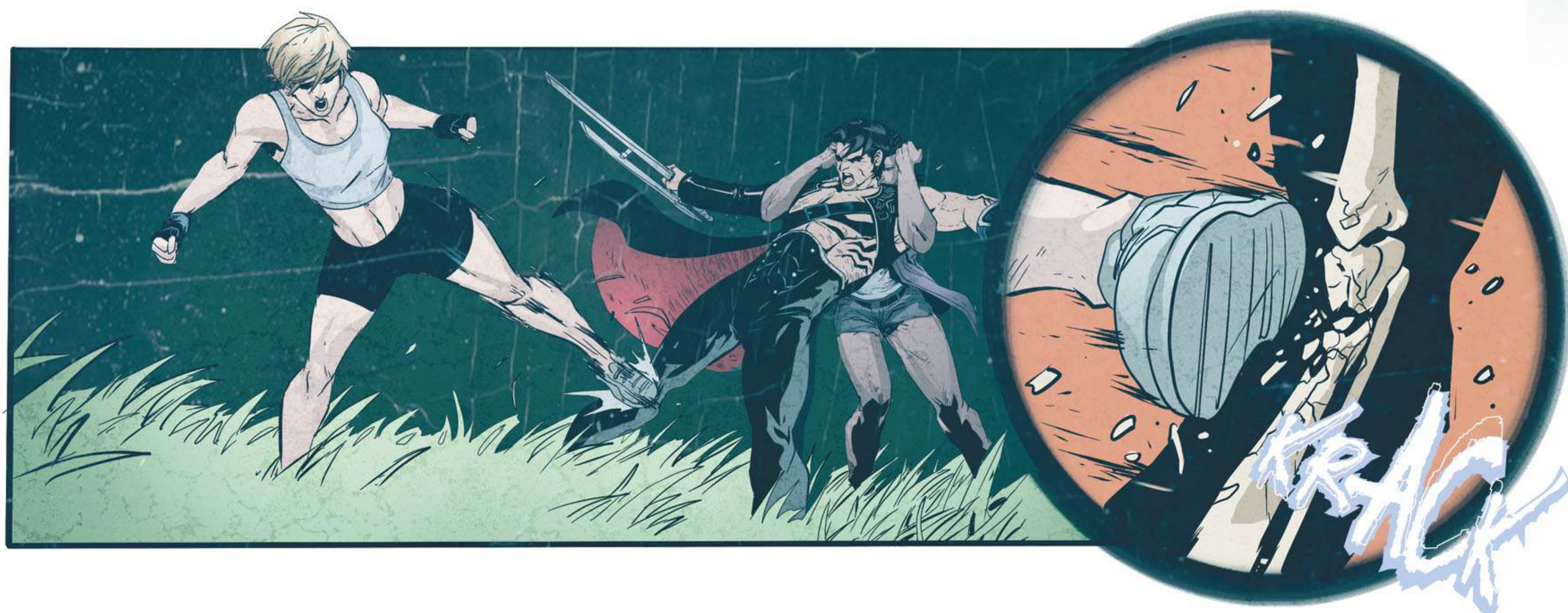


PERFECTLY.













"--TO SHANG
TSUNG'S ISLAND."



"SHANG TSUNG
IS DEAD.
WHO'S ON
HIS ISLAND?"



"REIKO IS HOSTED THERE
BY HIS SPIRITUAL ADVISOR."



"AN ANCIENT
CLERIC NAMED--"



"--HAVIK."

PLEASE
ENJOY THIS
FEAST WE'VE
PREPARED.

IT MAY
BE YOUR
LAST.



THE END



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SCORPION





TAKEDA



TAKEDA @ 8 YRS OLD



TAKEDA @ 15 YRS OLD











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